

2009 Schedule of Events

FEBRUARY 2009

- 7 Mini-Marathon 5K Pre-Race**
Contact Mike Palmer N9FEB at www.indyham.org for details
- 14 St. Valentine's Day**
- 16 President's Day**
- 17 Technician Class #1; 6:30 - 8:30 PM**
White River Township Fire Department #51, SR 135 South at Olive Branch Road, Greenwood, IN
- 18 MARC 25th Anniversary!**
- 21 MARC Meeting - 8:00 AM, Franklin, IN**
Located at the Johnson County Emergency Management Agency, 1111 Hospital Road, Franklin, IN. VEC Testing after the meeting (approx. 9:30 am to 11:00 am)
- 24 Technician Class #2; 6:30 - 8:30 PM**
White River Township Fire Department #51, SR 135 South at Olive Branch Road, Greenwood, IN
- 28 Cabin Fever Hamfest, LaPorte, IN**
LaPorte Amateur Radio Club, LaPorte Civic Auditorium; Opens 7:00 AM; Talk-in is on the 146.610 (131.8 PL) or on 146.52 simplex

MARCH 2009

- 3 Technician Class #3; 6:30 - 8:30 PM**
White River Township Fire Department #51, SR 135 South at Olive Branch Road, Greenwood, IN
- 5 Dugger Amateur Radio Club's Hamfest, Sullivan, IN**
Sullivan Fairgrounds, Sullivan, IN Opens 7:00 AM; Talk-in 146.775 (PL 136.5)
- 7 Mini-Marathon 10K Pre-Race**
Contact Mike Palmer N9FEB at www.indyham.org for details
- 8 Daylight Savings Time Begins**
Be sure to spring forward one hour on all clocks this morning.
- 10 Technician Class #4; 6:30 - 8:30 PM**
White River Township Fire Department #51, SR 135 South at Olive Branch Road, Greenwood, IN
- 13-14 Boy Scout Lock-in, Greenwood, IN**
Greenwood High School, Greenwood, IN; Amateur Radio Operators should monitor the 146.835 repeater from 7PM to Midnight. MARC members will be assisting Boy Scouts in earning their Radio Merit badges.
- 14 Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association (WVARA), Terre Haute, IN**
Wabash Valley Fairgrounds, 3901 US Hwy 41 South, Terre Haute, IN
Talk-in 146.685 (PL 151.4) For more info contact wb9zhc@verizon.net



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Mid-State Amateur Radio Club

The Mid-State Amateur Radio Club meets the **THIRD SATURDAY** of each month in the basement of the Johnson County Emergency Management Agency, 1111 Hospital Road, Franklin, Indiana 46131.

See our website, www.midstatehams.org, for maps on how to get to our meeting.

Hamfest Info

The **Cabin Fever Hamfest**, sponsored by the LaPorte Amateur Radio Club, will be held on Saturday, February 28, 2009 at the LaPorte Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge St., LaPorte, IN.

Talk-in will be on the 146.610 (131.8 PL) and the 146.52 simplex. Hamfest opens at 7:00 AM and runs through 1:00 PM. All times are CST (Chicago Time). Admission is \$5.00 at the door. For information, e-mail n9roh@scinet.net.

The **Dugger Amateur Radio Club's 2009 Hamfest** will be held on Saturday, March 7, 2009 at the Sullivan Fairgrounds in Sullivan, Indiana. Hamfest opens at 7:00 AM. Talk-in is at 146.775 - MHz (136.5 Hz PL). Admission is \$5.00 with children 12 and under free. For more information go to www.kc9ak.or/hamfest.html website.

The **Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association** will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2009 at the Wabash Valley Fairgrounds, 3901 US Highway 41 South in Teere Haute, Indiana. Talk-in is on 146.685 MHz (151.4 Hz PL). For more information contact Ginger Downing, WB9ZHC at wb9zhc@verizon.net.

The **26th Annual Columbus Hamfest** will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at the Bartholomew County Fairgrounds, Community Building, 750 W 200S in Columbus, Indiana. Hamfest hours are 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Talk-in will be on 146.79 MHz (-600 kHz 100 Hz PL). Tickets that day are \$5.00 or \$4.50 in advance. For more information contact Marion Winterber, WD9HTN at carc_in@yahoo.com.

The MARC VE team will be at the Columbus Hamfest testing that day.

If you know of any other Indiana hamfests coming up, please contact Linda at PIO@midstatehams.org.

Anyone attending any of the hamfest listed are encouraged to take photos at the event and send them to kc9gch@arrl.net. I will try and get them on the IN ARRL Section page.

NWS Spotter Training

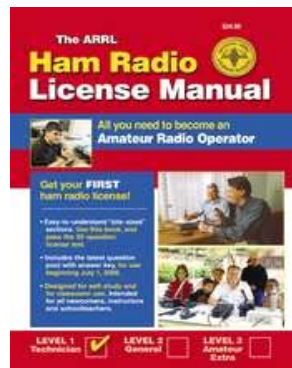
The National Weather Service will again hold weather spotter training at the Johnson County EMA training room on Monday, March 16th, 2009. The EMA training room is located at 1111 Hospital Road, Franklin, IN 46131. The National Weather Service recommends that spotters attend a training session at least once every two to three years. Class will start at 7:00 PM.

Linda KC9GCH, is keeping an informal list of MARC members that will be attending. Send her an e-mail at PIO@midstatehams.org or call her at 887-2558 to have your name added to the list.

Technician Class

Spring classes will begin on February 17th, 2009. Please visit our website at www.midstatehams.org to download the class flyer. The class will be held on 4 consecutive Tuesday nights from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM. The club will again be purchasing books so if you know someone who wants to attend, have them get a hold of KC9GCH, Linda at 887-2558. Classes are limited to 14 students. Dates are February 17, February 24, March 3 and March 10. Classes will be held at the White River Township Fire Department #51 training room located at State Road 135 South at Olive Branch Road in Greenwood, IN. Parking is available at the rear of the building, enter through the back door and the training room is in the basement.

For additional information, call Linda at 887-2558.



**WA9RDF
Repeater
146.835/
146.235 MHz
151.4 Hz PL
Tone**

**Weekly Net
Every Sunday
at 7PM ET**

***Tune in to hear
the ARRL
Newsline!***

*The Mid-State
Amateur Radio Club
sponsors a weekly
traffic and social net
on our repeater. The
net begins at 7:00
p.m. local time, and
features local news,
announcements, and
NTS traffic, as well as
rebroadcasts of
Amateur Radio
Newsline. This is a
great chance to
meet other local
amateur radio
operators and test
your operating
skills.*

MARC's 25th Anniversary

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STATE OF INDIANA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
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Executive Order
PROCLAMATION
TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, The Mid-State Amateur Radio Club (MARC) is celebrating its 25th Anniversary on February 17, 2009; and

WHEREAS, MARC's amateur radio operators have contributed significantly to the State of Indiana by providing emergency communications as needed during local, state and national emergencies; and

WHEREAS, MARC's amateur radio operators participate in the Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) providing communication support for community and public service events to help ensure the safety of attendees, participants and observers alike; and,

WHEREAS, MARC's amateur radio operators, participating in SKYWARN provide trained and radio-equipped severe weather spotters to assist the National Weather Service and the State of Indiana;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr., Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby proclaim February 17, 2009 as

MID-STATE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB 25TH ANNIVERSARY DAY

in the State of Indiana, and invite all citizens to duly note this occasion.

*In Testimony Whereof, I have
set my hand and cause to be affixed the
Great Seal of State. Done at the
City of Indianapolis, this 28th
day of January in the year of our
Lord 2009 and of the Independence
of the United States 233.*



BY THE GOVERNOR:

M E Daniels, Jr.

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New Equipment for RACES Operations



Jack Parker W8ISH

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas at the EOC. Johnson County Emergency Management Agency has taken delivery on several new radios and antennas. This comes as part of the Homeland Security grant for amateur radio equipment. Don West

W9DEW, is Communications Director for the Response and Operations Division, Indiana Department of Homeland Security. He says the equipment comes from a large federal grant to improve amateur radio communications in Indiana.

Don has surveyed county RACES groups to determine their communication needs. Johnson County is taking delivery on two ICOM and one Alinco mobile radios for

the EOC radio room. The radios will cover 2 meters, 70 cm and 220 MHz. An Astron power supply is included in the new equipment. Three new base antennas will cover the VHF radios while a G5RV antenna will be used to work the HF bands. Special adapter cables will allow packet communications on the VHF bands. The grant covers the cost of a new laptop computer. The make and model are being determined at this time.

Indiana Department of Homeland Security expects the Hoosier state to have one of the best amateur radio communications systems in the country after every county has installed and trained with their new equipment. Contact RACES Director Dave Daily KB9LOT, Steve Carmean K9DY, or Jack Parker W8ISH if you have an interest in training on the new EOC radio equipment.

-Jack w8ish

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A picture of some of the new equipment in the EOC. Photo from W8ISH.